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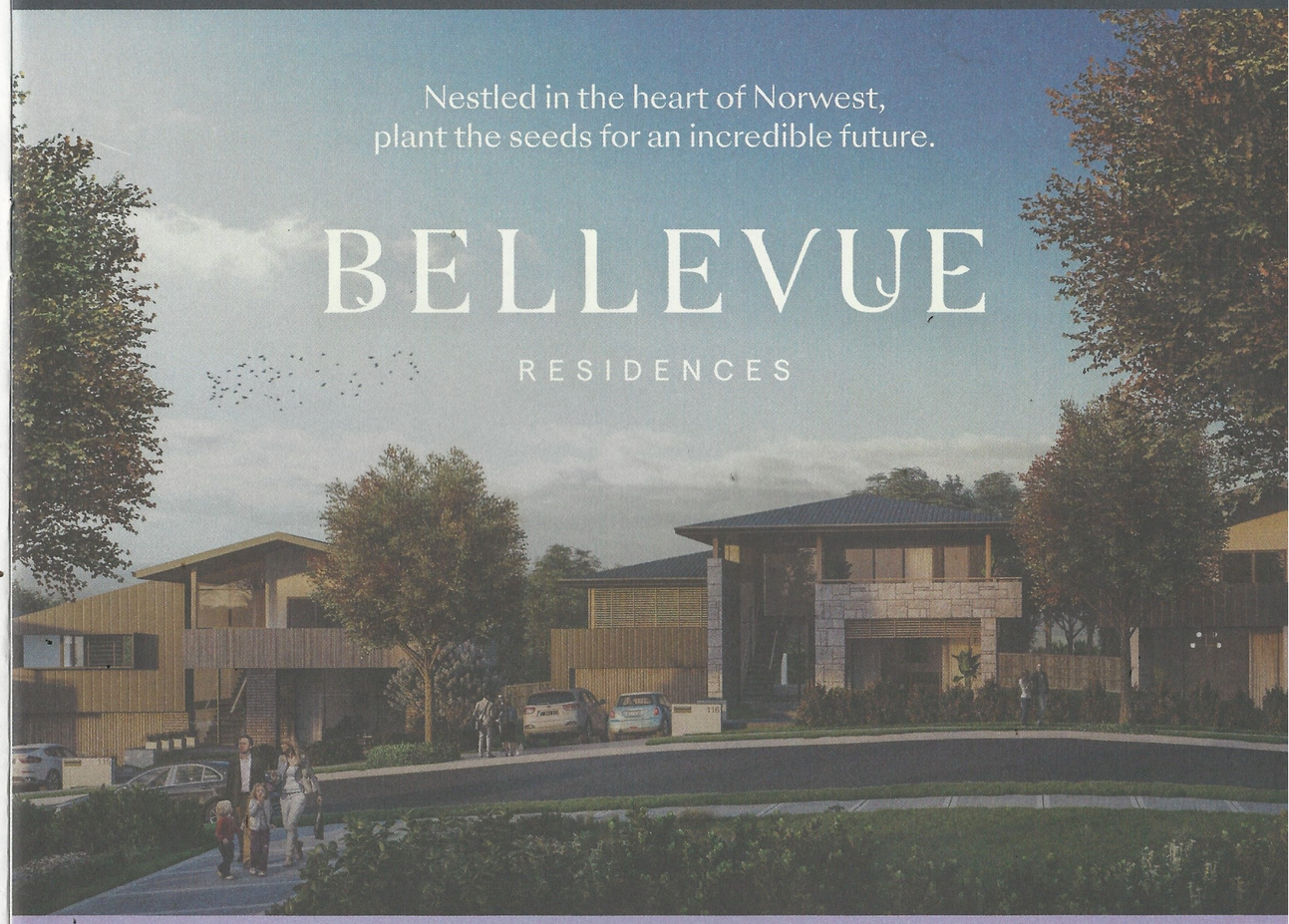

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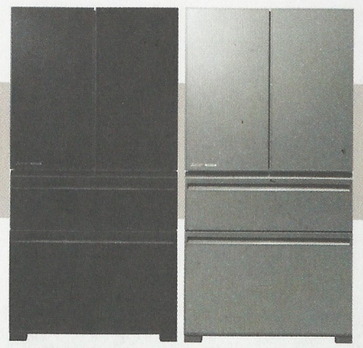

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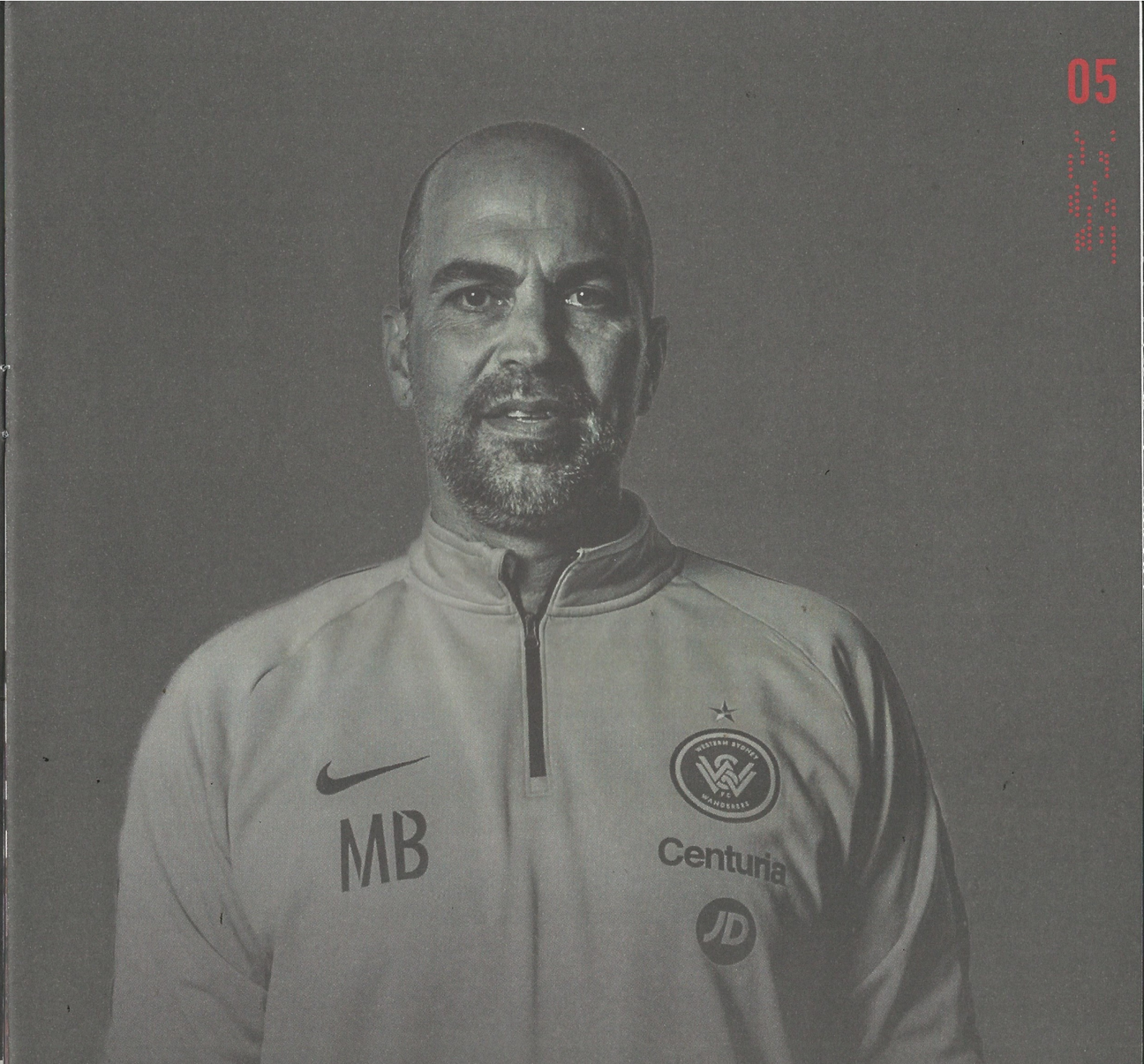

Welcome to today's double header against Melbourne City at AAMI Stadium, our first match of the new year. It's been a very interesting start to the season for our Hyundai A-League team and I've really enjoyed my time so far at the Western Sydney Wanderers. We've had our fair share of ups and downs but we are building towards a fantastic season ahead. I have told the players that they need to stand up and fight for their dreams – and this is what we have been working towards. I have challenged them to keep improving and it has of course been a process. I am proud of our squad and I go to work every day and have fun because I have a team that genuinely want to get better. Today I am expecting a tough battle from Melbourne City, but I also know that we can pose a lot of problems. We have a game plan and I think if it can work, and we do the right things, then I'm very confident we will have a great challenge against them and they will have a big problem with us.

MATCH PREVIEW

THE WANDERERS ARE back in action tonight with their classic New Year's Day double header against Melbourne City.
It is both squads first meeting with City in their respective seasons and will no doubt be a great test to kick to the New Year and Summer of Football off.
The Wanderers Westfield W-League team have struggled to convert many of their chances to goals this season and will be looking to win every game moving forward to give their hopes of Finals a much-needed boost.
Coming into the match, the Wanderers Westfield W-League team recently played away to Brisbane Roar in a Thursday night blockbuster.
The tables have turned for the Red & Black since the arrival of Ghanian international Elizabeth Addo who has made an immediate impact on the side.
Wanderers Kylie Ledbrook, Lo'eau Labonta and youngster Rachel Lowe have also continued to boss the midfield and have their eyes on securing a vital three points at home for the Red & Black this afternoon.
City have had an underwhelming start to the Westfield W-League this season and have really failed to make a mark on the competition like they have in previous seasons.
A number of losses and draws have seen them pointed at the bottom of the Westfield W-League table, just above the Wanderers, with their finals hopes also on the line in this afternoon's fixture.
The Wanderers Hyundai A-League team come into the match following their Boxing Day fixture against Adelaide United at Coopers Stadium.
It has similarly been a challenging start to the season for the Men's team who have dominated many of their matches so far but have nothing to show from their efforts.
Alexander Baumjohann has continued to be a bright spark for the Red & Black and confidence will be high thanks to the return of goalkeeper Vedran Janjetovic who missed the Boxing Day fixture due to a suspension.
City's Hyundai A-League side come to Western Sydney after an epic Melbourne Derby.
The side have had some very mixed results so far, having roughly won half of their matches so far this season, and currently sit mid-table.
Both matches will certainly a great test to see how the Red & Black have been progressing, playing a major role in how the rest of the season plays out.
If one thing's for sure though, both teams will come out fighting. Come on you Wanderers! W

Jordan O'Doherty at Hyundai A-League training

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ON THIS DAY

COURTESY OF ANDREW HOWE
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Wanderers returnee Tarek Elrich was born on this day in 1987. Born and raised in Sydney where he played at Parramatta Eagles juniors, he joined Sydney Olympic at Under-14 level and made his national league debut there in 2003 aged just 16. He then spent seven seasons with Newcastle Jets (2005–2012) where he was part of the championship-winning side in 2008. He joined Western Sydney Wanderers' inaugural squad in 2012–2013, winning a premiership medal and appearing in another grand final (L0-2 v Central Coast Mariners). In 2013 he moved to Adelaide United, where he was part of another championship-winning side in 2015–2016 as Adelaide took out the grand final decider against the Wanderers (W3-1), and he returned to Western Sydney in 2018. He played three times for the Socceroos, in a friendly against Macedonia in Skopje in March 2015 (D0-0), and later that year in World Cup qualifiers against Bangladesh (W5-0) and Jordan (L0-2). His older brother Ahmad also represented Australia several times, and played for several clubs including Fulham in the English Premier League. W

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FIELD REPORTER

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It's been a challenging season so far for our Wander Women, who have struggled to get their first three points of the season, but there have been plenty of positives to take so far.
The Westfield W-League this season has become a tighter competition than ever and we saw that in our last match against Brisbane Roar where they continued their surge up the ladder.
An own goal by Sydney Miramontez on 34' opened the scoring before we restored parity just past the hour mark thanks to Georgia Yeoman-Dale.
Indiah-Paige Riley gave the hosts the lead once more, and Allira Toby sealed all three points with four minutes remaining.
The result saw Brisbane secure their second win in a row and put them on equal points with Melbourne Victory.
This afternoon's opponent, Melbourne City, have also had an interesting start to the season.
City have had a very slow start to the season, compared to previous years, and have been bolstered by a number of key player inclusions in recent weeks.
Captain Steph Catley has returned to the team, making her first appearance in Round 6's match against Newcastle while defensive midfielder Amy Jackson was more recently named in the extended squad for the club's match against Canberra.
I'm expecting another great battle by the Red & Black in this afternoon's Westfield W-League match and I'm hoping we can get our first three points of the season - what a way that would be to start the New Year! Come on you Wanderers! W

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FROM BALL BOY TO BAYERN

BAUMJOHANN'S INCREDIBLE JOURNEY TO THE WANDERERS

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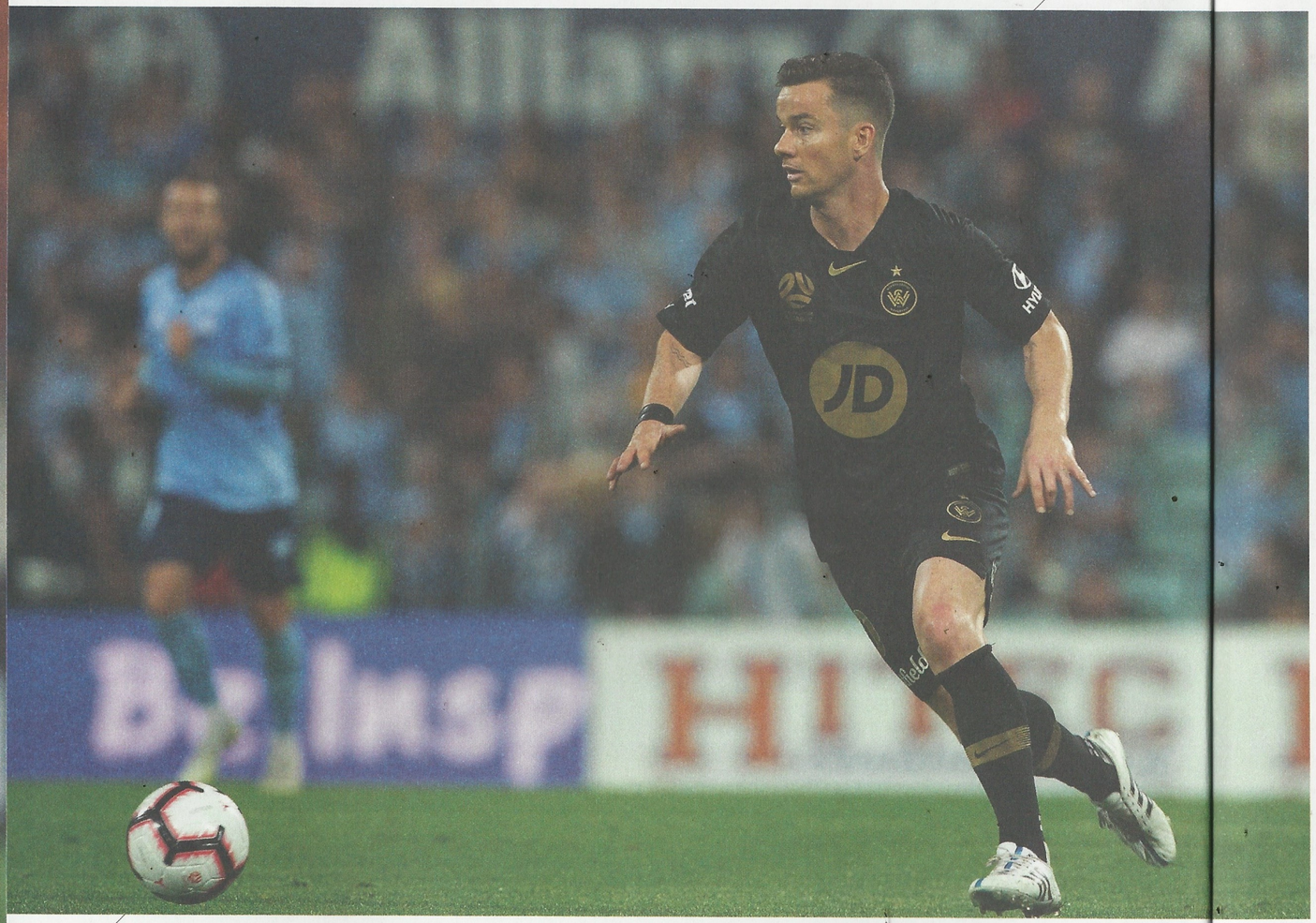
FOOTBALL HAS ALWAYS seemed to come easy to Western Sydney Wanderers playmaker Alexander Baumjohann. Plucked from his German town of Waltrop as a 12-year-old to sign with Bundesliga giants Schalke, the star junior soon went from being a ball boy at the club's home matches to training with the first team at the age of 16.

It was a dream come true for the youngster, who was building a reputation as one of the brightest prospects in German football. During this time at Schalke, Baumjohann and Germany's current undisputed no.1 goalkeeper, Neur, went to school together and both had big dreams of breaking into the big time at the club.



(Left to right), Baumjohann playing in his first Sydney Derby; Baumjohann playing in the 2011 UEFA Champions League Quarter Final for Schalke 04

Neur is now rated one of the world's leading gloveman, but he almost didn't make the grade as a teenager.

While both Baumjohann and Neur both eventually achieved that feat at Schalke, it almost didn't work out for Neur.

"He was pretty small when he was young and there was a time between 14 or 15 where they thought about not keeping him as he was pretty small," explained Baumjohann.

"But there was a coach of the U17 of Schalke who believed him and wanted to keep him.

"In that year he just grew up and made a big step. From this time you couldn't stop him and I already knew that he would be one of the best keepers ever."

The pair were only together at Schalke for a couple of seasons with their careers taking very different paths over the last decade.

Following his stint at Schalke, so talented was Baumjohann that he was scouted by the legendary Jupp Heynckes and joined heavyweights Bayern Munich in 2009.

"I won the Bundesliga with Bayern. We have a lot of good clubs in Germany but there is a big distance between Bayern and all the other clubs," said Baumjohann.

"Bayern just won the league seven times in a row...that says everything.

"I also had a lot of other opportunities, a lot of other offers but when you get the chance to play for Bayern Munich, you will take this."

While things ultimately didn't work out for Baumjohann in Bavaria, he doesn't regret the experience.

Baumjohann moved back to Schalke the following season and was a part of the club's surge to the UEFA Champions League Semi Finals in 2010/11.

After further stints at the likes of FC Kaiserslautern and Hertha Berlin, Baumjohann then moved to Brazil where he played for Coritiba and Vitoria over two seasons.

But with limited chances in Brazil, he soon looked for a new challenge and knew of the Hyundai A-League and Western Sydney Wanderers after the stint of another very famous German.

"After Thomas Broich played for Brisbane they showed some (Hyundai A-League) games (in Germany)," the 31-year-old explains.

"Western Sydney Wanderers is a club (that) after the (Asian) Champions League win, is a club that everybody knows.

"I knew the club before because I watch a lot of football and I know almost everything about football."

Since arriving at the Red & Black, Baumjohann has won plaudits amongst, members, fans and pundits alike for his consistent brilliant passing and ability to create chances from nothing.

The German has bewitched every defence he's come up against so far this season and his name has already been thrown amongst a pantheon of Hyundai A-League playmaking royalty.

If the Red & Black can pounce on Baumjohann's top –class service he will be instrumental in swinging the power back in favour for the Wanderers this season.

Already there have been shades of the great Shinji Ono in Baumjohann and if things keep going the way they are going, there's no doubt Baumjohann will quickly etch his name in the Wanderers history books as one of the greatest international signings of all time.

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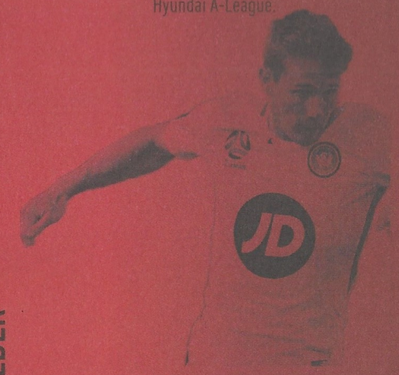
#7 FORWARD

PASSES 83.3%
LONG PASSES 100%
SHOTS ON TARGET 1

Fitzgerald got his first Hyundai A-League gig at the Central Coast Mariners during the 2009/10 season. This was followed by a loan spell at Bundaberg Spirit in 2010 in the Queensland State League before joining Brisbane Roar. Fitzgerald was called up for the 2012 Australian Olympic Team for the Asian Olympic Qualifiers where he played against Iraq. He spent a season and a half at the Roar before moving back to the Mariners. The pacey winger then had a three-year spell at Melbourne City FC before joining the Wanderers for the 2018/19 Hyundai A-League.



CACERES
#17 MIDFIELDER

PASSES 92.9%
LONG PASSES 50%
SHOTS ON TARGET 1

Anthony Caceres has returned to Melbourne City FC ahead of the 2018/19 season. The attacking midfielder joins on loan from Manchester City for his second stint at the Club following a year with Al-Wasl in the UAE Pro League. In his two previous seasons at City, the 25-year-old made 42 appearances and scored four goals. He was also a member of the 2016 FFA Cup winning squad.

LEDBROOK
#10 MIDFIELDER

PASS PER 90 35.4
SHOTS ON TARGET 3
GOALS SCORED 2

Experienced midfielder Kylie Ledbrook came to the Wanderers off the back of a fantastic Westfield W-League season that saw her get on the scoresheet six times. An extensive career has seen Ledbrook represent Australia in the U20 World Cup, the Olympic Games and the AFC Asian Cup in 2010. Capped 19-times by the Westfield Matildas, the experienced midfielder has been a fantastic addition so far for the Red & Black and had two goals to her tally so far.

PLAYERS TO WATCH

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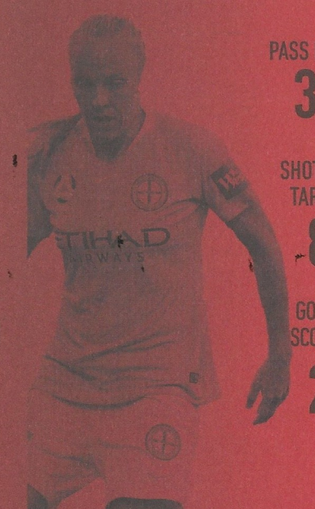
BUTT
#31 MIDFIELDER

PASS PER 90 33
SHOTS ON TARGET 8
GOALS SCORED 2

Matildas attacking midfielder Tameka Butt joined Melbourne City FC ahead of the 2018/19 season from Norwegian club Klepp IL. Butt has made over 100 appearances in the Australian domestic competition since making her debut for Brisbane Roar in 2008. The 27-year-old has previously played in America, Japan, Sweden and Germany.



COMEBACK QUEEN

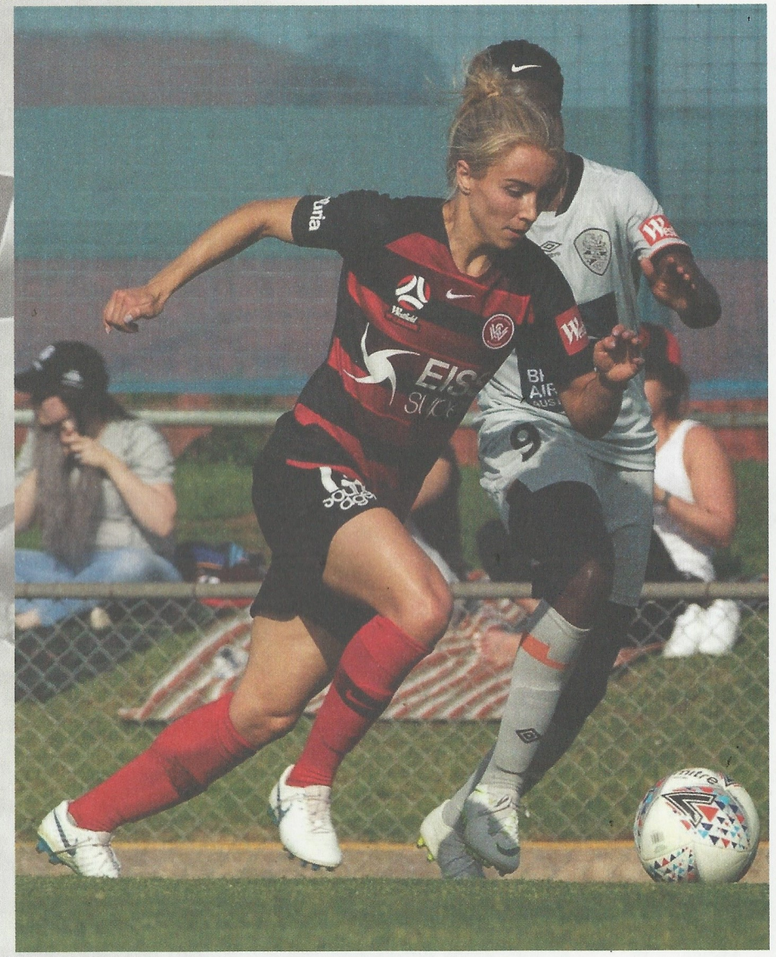
FOLLOWING A FREAK INJURY AGAINST MELBOURNE VICTORY, WANDERER GEORGIA YEOMAN-DALE IS BACK STRONGER THAN EVER

THE FORWARD SUFFERED a freak head collision during the Wanderers match against Melbourne Victory and ended up with a scar similar to that of Harry Potter to show of her efforts.

But the injury didn't mark the end of Yeoman-Dale's season with the Red & Black with the talented forward fighting back to become a symbol of resilience in the Westfield W-League.

Looking back on the injury that kept her sidelined, Yeoman-Dale kept strong and said that at the time it wasn't as bad as it looked.

"On the pitch I was fine, I just wanted to get back out there," explained Yeoman-Dale.



Georgia playing the Round 2 clash against Brisbane Roar

"It wasn't until after the game that I saw how it looked. From there I was in hospital for a while and got surgery.

"It was tough as I wasn't able to be involved in helping out on the pitch and not a lot keeps me down.

"So I wasn't worried at the time and I just wanted to get back out there."

Coming back from injury, Yeoman-Dale made her return to the team in their draw against Canberra United at Spotless Stadium and played an instrumental role in creating chances for the team.

Yeoman-Dale joined the club this season from Westfield W-League cross-city rivals Sydney FC where she has plied her trade for the last few seasons.

"I've loved this season so far, we've got a team of players who want to play for each other," exclaimed Yeoman-Dale.

"We haven't got any egos in our team and it has been a positive vibe other than the results we've had."

The Wanderers have had a challenging start to their season so far but Yeoman-Dale insists that mood in camp has remained positive.

"I think our reaction to bad results has been great as we still come out every week, train hard and try to forget the week before and look to the next game," said Yeoman-Dale.

"We've got a team of fighters.

"It's always hard losing and especially getting off to such a difficult start to the season.

"We've had a different team every week and that has been hard for everyone to gel but we are getting there."

The Wanderers earned their first points of the season against Canberra United in a double header at Spotless Stadium, fighting back twice to earn the crucial points.

Tonight's match against City will be another good test for the Red & Black who will need to win in every match moving forward to give their hopes of finals a boost.

Though it hasn't been all doom or gloom for the Wanderers, with Dan Barrett's squad playing fantastically but unable to capitalise on many of their chances.

Looking forward, Yeoman-Dale is positive on the Red & Black's future and still has her eyes set on a finals finish.

"Personally, I want to enjoy my football and do what I can for the team," said Yeoman-Dale.

"If each of us can do that then a top four finish is in our reach." W

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TONIGHT'S MATCH

Westfield W-LEAGUE

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	CLUB	P	W	D	L	PTS
1	ROAR	12	9	1	2	28
2	SYDNEY FC	12	8	1	3	25
3	JETS	12	6	2	4	20
4	CITY	12	6	2	4	20
5	CANBERRA	12	5	1	6	16
6	GLORY	12	4	2	6	14
7	VICTORY	12	3	2	7	11
8	WANDERERS FC	12	3	2	7	11
9	UNITED	12	3	1	8	10

ROUND 9 MATCHES

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HYUNDAI A-LEAGUE

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2	VICTORY	9	6	1	2	19
3	SYDNEY FC	9	5	2	2	17
4	CITY	9	4	2	3	14
5	PHOENIX9	4	2	3	14	10
6	UNITED	9	3	3	3	12
7	JETS	9	3	2	4	11
8	WANDERERS FC	9	2	3	4	9
9	ROAR	9	1	3	5	6
10	MARINERS	9	0	2	7	2

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11	Michael O'HALLORAN	FW	☐	☐
13	Nathaniel ATKINSON	MF	☐	☐
15	Kearyn BACCUS	MF	☐	☐
17	Anthony CACERES	MF	☐	☐
18	Eugene GALEKOVIC	GK	☐	☐
19	Lachlan WALES	FW	☐	☐
21	Ramy NAJJARINE	FW	☐	☐
22	Curtis GOOD	DF	☐	☐
23	Bruno FORNAROLI MEZZA	FW	☐	☐
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27	Florin BERENGUER-BOHRER	MF	☐	☐
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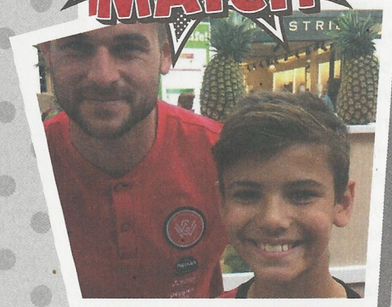
JUNIOR WANDERER OF THE MATCH



THIS WEEK'S JUNIOR Wanderer is 11-year-old Mitchell! Mitchell's favourite player is Patrick Zeigler his favourite Wanderers moment was the recent 2-0 win over Central Coast Mariners where Patrick played. Mitchell now looks up to Patrick and is trying to learn how to improve his own game as a central defender by watching him play!

ARE YOU A JUNIOR WANDERER?

Snap a photo and tag @wswanderersfc on Instagram to feature in the next issue of The Wanderer.

SPOT THE DIFFERENCE

Can you spot the five differences below?

JUNIOR QUIZ

1. Which Wanderers Westfield W-League player scored against Brisbane Roar last round?
2. Which Wanderer joined the club from FC Kaiserslautern?
3. After today's match, how many double headers have we played in this season?
4. Who is the Wanderers Westfield W-League current leading goal scorer?

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THE FOX TALES

WE'RE REALLY EXCITED to see both our Westfield W-League and Hyundai A-League teams in action tonight for the start of the Summer of Heroes!

It's been a busy Christmas time for the Red & Black with both our teams having games away from home before coming back to ANZ Stadium today to kick-off the New Year in style with some football.

Our Holiday Clinics also kick off at the end of this month and it would be great to see you there!

We have sessions for beginners and intermediates all over Western Sydney and it's a great way to learn some new skills and make new friends. You can find out more at wswcommunity.com.au!

Since it's the Summer of Heroes we've got plenty of games coming up in January so we can't wait to you around! Make sure you stop us and say hi.

BE HEALTHY, GET ACTIVE!

IT'S SUMMER WHICH means its super important you wear sunscreen when you're out and about! Make sure you reapply your sunscreen at least every two hours and if you're playing sport or swimming make sure you increase that amount.

Don't forget eye protection either! Wearing sunglasses that block out as much UVA and UVB rays can also look after your eyes.

Spot the Difference answers: 1. The logo is missing from Jada Whyman's jersey 2. The speak is missing front he roof of the stadium 3. The Canberra United player's boot is orange 4. The Nike tick is missing from Caitlin Cooper's shorts 5. The stripe is missing from the player mascot's jersey. Junior Quiz answers: 1. Georgia Yeoman-Dale 2. Patrick Zeigler 3. Two 4. Kylie Ledbrook

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JUNIOR WANDERER ZONE

WANDERERS FLYING HIGH

THE WESTERN SYDNEY WANDERERS HAVE CONTINUED THEIR SURGE TO THE TOP OF THE FOXTEL Y-LEAGUE TABLE

STORY BY JESSICA CSASZAR
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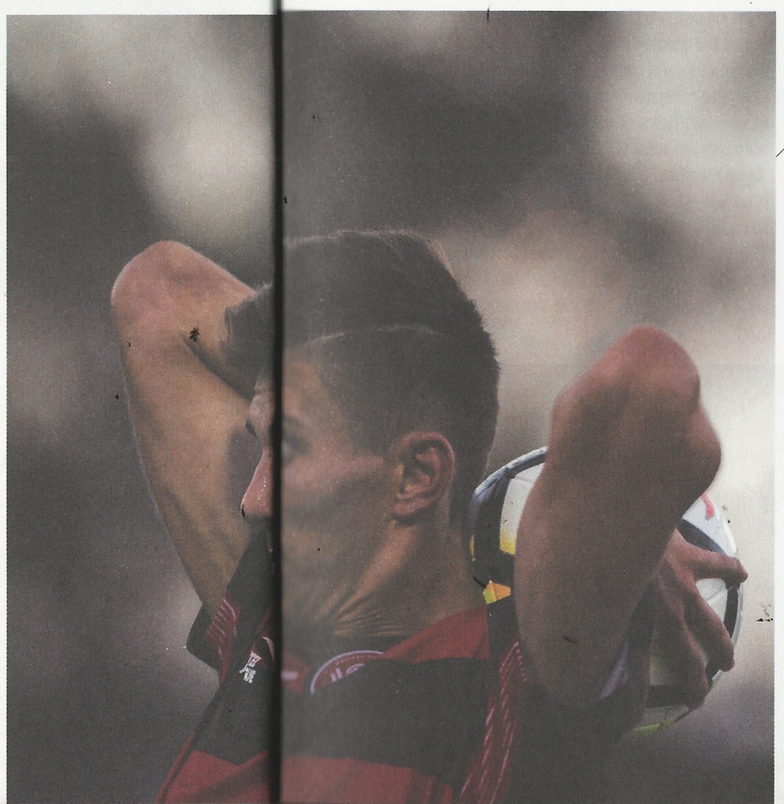
ARTHUR DILES' YOUNGSTERS have once again started to dominate the Foxtel Y-League competition after some fantastic results in recent weeks.
The Wanderers got back to winning ways in the Foxtel Y-League when they defeated Sydney FC in a hard-fought Derby contest a few weeks ago, marking the change in stride of their season.
Marley Peterson's first-half penalty was enough to separate the sides with the Red & Black defending bravely to see off a late onslaught from Sydney FC.

The Red & Black then switched their focus to the Newcastle Jets, thumping the side 3-0 at Valentine Sports Park.
Goals from Andrea Agamemnonos, Lachlan Scott and Tate Russell secured all three points for the Red & Black.
The match marked the Wanderers third win in their opening four matches of the season.
Midway through the first half, the Wanderers took the lead when Scott got on the end of Abraham Majok's cross and laid the ball off for Agamemnonos who sent a curling shot into the top corner.



(Left to right), Mathieu Cordier, Lachlan Scott

With the first half drawing to a close, Agamemnonos almost grabbed his second of the evening when his left-footed drive rebounded off the crossbar.
The Red & Black kept up momentum and doubled their lead early in the second half.
Once again Majok was involved, releasing Mathieu Cordier down the left with Cordier's cross-finished from close range by Scott.
Majok and Cordier were dominating on the left wing and it was those two who combined soon afterwards, with Cordier denied by a fantastic save from the Jets' keeper.
With 15 minutes to play, the Wanderers made it 3-0. From a set piece, Tass Mourdoukoutas was unlucky to see his shot blocked on the goalline, however, defender Tate Russell was on hand to score from the rebound.
The result saw the Red & Black push further up the ladder to second prior to their clash against their Mariners in which they had a successful trip up north defeating them 2-0 at the CCM Centre of Excellence.
First half strikes from Oliver Puflett and Fabian Monge ensured a third consecutive win for the Red & Black.

This was followed by the Wanderers' fourth consecutive win in the Foxtel Y-League, defeating Canberra United 4-0 at Valentine Sports Park on Sunday 23 December.
A Mohamed Adam double, plus goals from Andrea Agamemnonos and Fabian Monge, ensured a comfortable victory for the Red & Black, who are now six points clear at the top of Y-League Group B.
The Wanderers are on a path to finish at the top of the Foxtel Y-League Conference B table with sights set on the club's very first back-to-back Championship. W

GIVING THE GIFT OF SMILES FOR CHRISTMAS

IT'S THE MOST IMPORTANT TIME OF THE YEAR TO GIVE BACK...

The Western Sydney Wanderers Westfield W-League and Hyundai A-League teams have continued their tradition of visiting The Children's Hospital at Westmead before Christmas to put a smile on some seriously sick kids faces.

The Wanderers have supported The Children's Hospital at Westmead for the last six years and have built a strong relationship through their continued efforts in supporting the incredible work that they do.

The Children's Hospital at Westmead have been committed to providing the best possible care for children and service around 80,000 sick and injured children each year.

The Children's Hospital at Westmead was built from the ground up with the needs of patients and families in mind.

They recognise that healing doesn't just happen through medical treatments, operations and medications.

The Hospital environment is vitally important in the path to wellness, assisting with overall healing and creating an uplifting mood and positive memorable experiences for families.

For this reason, they have a range of play areas, gardens, art installations, entertainment and special programs available to take kids minds off being at hospital.

Wanderers Westfield W-League player Liana Danaskos made time out of her day to ensure she was at our annual visit to the hospital.

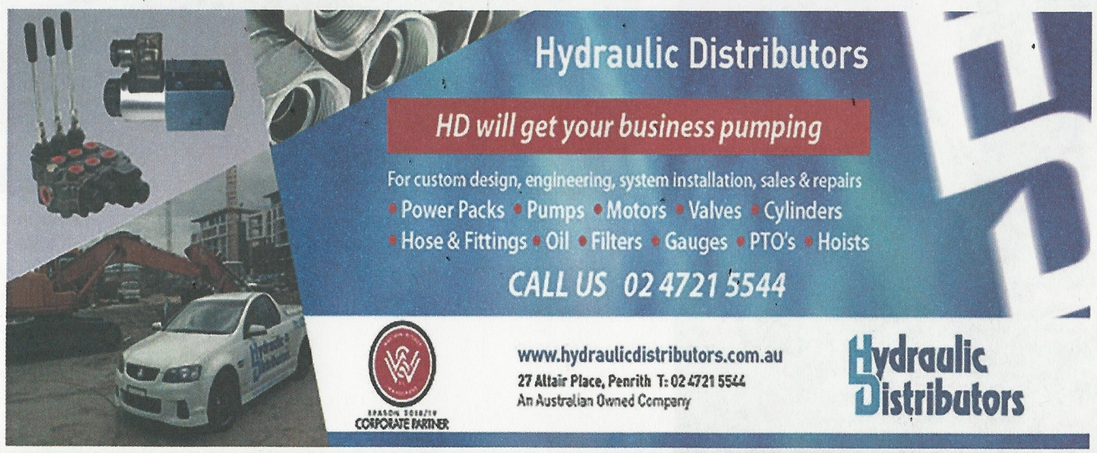
"I think it's really nice to like get down here and do something for the community.

"Obviously these kids are having a tough time at the moment and it's nice for us to come in and try and make a difference.

"We got a couple of smiles during our visit and I think that's the main thing, just to put a smile on someone's face and make them feel loved and a little bit special this Christmas time.

"Being a teacher, I left work a little earlier today just so I could visit the hospital as it was really important to me.

"Because I know the difference you can make in a child's life and that's probably one of the biggest things and why I became a teacher.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(Top to Bottom) The Hyundai A-League and Westfield W-League teams visiting the kids at The Children's Hospital Westmead

Wanderers Hyundai A-League player Tarek Elrich said the experience of visiting the hospital was both heartbreaking and heart-warming.

"For me this is massive, coming to see these kids and it's Christmas time, where everyone's in holiday mode and together some families are going to spent it in a hospital," said Elrich.

"You know we can do our little bit by coming to The Children's Hospital at Westmead and saying hi.

"Times like this help you appreciate what's going on in your life and I think for them it's absolutely priceless.

"It just puts things into perspective and it's a great initiative by out club to come out and put smiles on sick kids faces."

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TAKE FIVE

JAUSHUA SOTIRIO ON MEETING ONE OF THE GREATEST FOOTBALLERS ON THE PLANET A DECADE AGO

I'M REALLY INTO French football. I watch a lot of French football, though I watch all football to be honest.

Zinedine Zidane has a French background and I have a French background as well.
I've always grown up watching his videos, I look at him and he's a real role model to me.
He has been the most inspirational player for me.

I met him at an exhibition game in New Caledonia – that's where I'm from.
I had an uncle that is friends with him Zidane.
My uncle played for the New Caledonia national team as a goalkeeper.
So I went into the changing rooms and was preparing to have a nice chat with Zidane.
But when I saw him I just froze!
I got star struck. It was a great moment for me though. I took a photograph with him.
It was a moment I'll never forget. It was amazing to meet him. W

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SUMMER HOLIDAY COACHING CLINICS

WANDERERS HOLIDAY CLINICS have kicked off for the Summer period! Holiday Clinics are located all over Western Sydney and provide the opportunity for youngsters to either be introduced to football or finesse their skills.
Powered by Soccer Kickstart, the sessions follow through on proven development systems that follow the FFA Curriculum.
Participants are guaranteed to have a great time developing their football skills in a dynamic high quality session with fully qualified and highly experienced coaches.
First-timers will even receive a Western Sydney Clinic jersey.
The beginner and intermediate clinics are aimed towards players who are starting to enhance their football skills in a dynamic high quality session with the fully qualified and highly experienced coaches.
Sessions are heavily focused on technique, game understanding and improving confidence as well as providing a great experience.
The advanced clinic sessions have the important pre-requisites of participants having a strong desire to improve, be intensely coached and having had previous high level playing experience.
At the end of this clinic, the goal is to have participants comfortably perform all four technical components of football – passing, shooting, controlling the ball and dribbling.
In this program, players will go through the most diverse game scenarios further enhancing their decision-making ability and execution of the above skills.

HOLIDAY CLINIC SESSIONS ARE SELLING FAST SO MAKE SURE YOU BOOK YOUR CHILD'S PLACE IN TODAY AT WSWCOMMUNITY.COM.AU

HELPING OUT

A MASSIVE SHOUT OUT to Wally van Gool's Wandercrew team who headed out to Marconi Stadium last week to support our Westfield W-League team when they trained. The crew got to watch the team's entire training session plus had a chance to spend some time getting to know the team.
The Wandercrew is a fantastic way to make new friends and meet like-minded people who all support the Red & Black and the work they do in the community.
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